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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS**

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

RAMON MACIAS HERNANDEZ; et al.,

Petitioners,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 05-73474

Agency Nos. A77-832-597
A77-832-598

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted July 24, 2006**

Before: ALARCÓN, HAWKINS, and THOMAS, Circuit Judges.

Ramon Macias Hernandez and his wife Veronica Aceves Macias, natives and citizens of Mexico, petition pro se for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("Board") summary affirmance without opinion of an immigration

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** The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

judge's denial of their applications for cancellation of removal. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1252.

The Board dismissed petitioners' appeal pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(d)(2)(i)(A) because the brief statement on their notice of appeal failed to meaningfully apprise the Board of the reason underlying their appeal. Petitioners have waived any challenge to the Board's grounds for its dismissal by failing to address it in their opening brief. *See Martinez-Serrano v. INS*, 94 F.3d 1256, 1259-60 (9th Cir. 1996) (holding issues which are not specifically raised and argued in a party's opening brief are waived). Accordingly, we deny the petition for review.

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.